SECRETARY TO THE LEG... 30 APR 1923

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 19th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Powers of district registrars.

908 *Q.*—Mr. A. M. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state whether it is a fact that district registrars, though they are classed as gazetted officers, have been deprived of the power of appointing or transferring peons and night watchmen ; if so, when ; and why ?

A.—In view of the need for enforcing economy district registrars have been required as a temporary measure to obtain the sanction of the Inspector General of Registration to cases of transfers involving expenditure under travelling allowance.

Mr. A. M. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB :—"May I know how long the temporary measure will continue ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—"I cannot say that definitely at present, Sir."

Acquisition of sites for labourers, Tanjore district.

909 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the acquisition of sites for labourers has been proceeding in the Tanjore district and what is the extent and cost of the acquisition up to date ; and

(*b*) what is the annual cost of the establishment for the same ?

A.—(*a*) Acquisition of sites for labourers in the Tanjore district has been proceeding since March 1918. Up to 31st March 1922, 290·48 acres of land have been acquired for sites for houses, schools, wells, pathways, etc., at a cost of Rs. 2,50,569, of which Rs. 1,14,000 has already been repaid to Government by those for whom the house sites have been acquired. Figures for the period subsequent to the above date are not yet available.

(*b*) There is no separate staff for work connected with the acquisition of sites. The District Labour Officer, Tanjore, and his staff attend to this work as well as to other items of work relating to the amelioration of the condition of depressed classes in the district.